THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) As per the 4th advance estimates released on 19.07.2007, production of wheat during 2006-07 is around 7.49 crore tonnes.

(b) to (e) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) aimed at procuring 1.52 crore tonnes of wheat during the Rabi marketing season 2007-08. As on 06.08.2007, 1.11 crore tonnes of wheat had been procured in the country. The procurement was less than the estimates due to low market arrivals and high private participation in procurement.

Production of paddy, pulses, etc.

†612. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the production of paddy as well as pulses and oil seeds in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is an acute shortage of authentic seeds with State Seeds Development Corporation in the State of Chhattisgarh, as a result thereof SSDC is not in a position to provide authentic seeds, particularly paddy, Maize, Kodo, Kutaki, Arhar, Soyabean, groundnut, horse-bean and green-lentil in Rajnandgaon, Durg, Kwardha, Korba, Janjgeer, Jashpur, Sarguja, Bastar, Kanker and Koria Districts; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government to provide required quantity of authentic seeds to State Seeds Development Corporation and the details of the seeds which have been provided together with the quantity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chhattisgarh Rajya Beej Evam Krishi Vikash Nigam Ltd. has provided in Kharif 2007 season, 102937.63 quintals of seeds to the farmers against the demand of the State *i.e.* 146515 quintals seeds of all crops. The demand in the State for paddy, which is the main Kharif crop, was 98000 quintals and Chhattisgarh Rajya Beej Evam Krishi Vikash Nigam Ltd. has provided 80136 quintals of paddy seeds. The details of demand for and supply of seeds of other crops in the district is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below). The production and distribution of seeds to the farmer is primarily the responsibility of the State Government through their State Seeds Corporation and State Department of Agriculture Farms. The Government of India complements the efforts of the State Government through National Seeds Corporation and State Farms Corporation of India. The State has been advised to have tie up arrangements with National Seed Corporation, State Farms Corporation of India and other State Seed Corporations one year in advance to ensure availability of required seeds. The details of the seeds supplied by other Seeds Corporation to Chhattisgarh State based on *ad-hoc* indent is enclosed as Statement-II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

Details of Seed Demand and Availability for the year 2007 Kharif as on 06.08.2007

Sl. No.	District	Paddy		Maize		Kodo-Kutki		Ragi		Arhar	
		Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Durg	8730.00	10900.30	27.00	30.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.00	79.35
2	Rajnandgaon	8775.00	3330.00	27.00	15.20	5.00	4.20	0.00	0.00	420.00	6.35
3	Kawardha	3630.00	1058.10	55.00	60.00	0.00	5.10	0.00	0.00	170.00	7.48
4	Janjgir	9205.00	6053.70	55.00	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	190.00	9.96
5	Korba	4175.00	1490.70	83.00	33.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
6	Jashpur	3670.00	1538.70	110.00	56.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	370.00	0.00
7	Surguja	9140.00	5435.70	248.00	136.00	0.00	0.00	.0.00	0.00	440.00	100.28
8	Koriya	3035.00	274.80	27.00	50.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	30.74
9	Jagdalpur	5690.00	4338.30	140.00	24.38	40.00	5.10	5.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
10	Kanker	4430.00	4576.20	27.00	45.04	35.00	2.10	5.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	60480.00	38996.50	799.00	452.62	80.00	16.50	10.00	0.00	2090.00	234.16

Sl. No.	District	Urd		Moong		Soyabeen		Groundnut		Til	
		Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability
1	2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Durg	70.00	28.00	45.00	12.84	13600.00	9219.85	45.00	15.00	19.00	9.63
2	Rajnandgaon	220.00	18.60	40.00	17.96	14600.00	3305.20	0.00	0.00	17.00	17.76
3	Kawardha	70.00	4.99	30.00	0.00	10400.00	5799.40	0.00	0.00	22.00	4.80
4	Janjgir	100.00	23.00	45.00	15.20	25.00	5.20	70.00	30.00	25.00	3.79
5	Korba	70.00	14.40	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	0.00'	23.00	7.00
6	Jashpur	70.00	26.20	35.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	50.00	19.00	9.90
7	Sarguja	110.00	68.00	45.00	20.00	0.00	5.20	115.00	27.70	28.00	11.00
8	Koriya	30.00	25.20	25.00	10.40	0.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	18.00	14.20
9	Jagdalpur	30.00	17.56	50.00	37.36	0.00	0.00	35.00	42.00	20.00	8.00
10	Kanker	30.00	18.00	35.00	18.60	0.00	9.60	0.00	20.00	6.00	6.10
	TOTAL:	800.00	243.95	375.00	136.36	38625.00	18344.45	445.00	194.70	197.00	92.18

(Quantity in Quintals)

Sl. No.	District	Niger		Green Lentil		Horsebean		Grand Total	
		Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability	Demand	Availability
1	2	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	Durg	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22764.00	20295.37
2	Rajnandgaon	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24108.00	6715.27
3	Kawardha	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14390.00	6939.87
4	Janjgir	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9800.00	6142.45
5	Korba	21.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4587.00	1545.70
6	Jashpur	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4374.00	1684.80
7	Sarguja	186.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10312.00	5803.88
8	Koriya	67.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3292.00	415.74
9	Jagdalpur	116.00	13.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6216.00	4486.46
10	Kanker	13.00	1.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4631.00	4697.39
	TOTAL:	573.00	15.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104474.00	58726.93

Statement-II

Details of seeds supplied by other Seeds Corporation to Chhattisgarh State

(Quantity in quintals)

Crops	National Seeds Corporation	State Farms Corporation of India	Uttaranchal Seeds and Tarai Development Corporation	Gujrat State Seeds Corporation
Paddy	863.70	—	—	—
Maize	90.00	100.00	—	—
Arhar	160.00	100.00	150.00	—
Moong	931.20	—	—	—
Soyabean	4604.00	2594.00	—	—
Castor	150.00	40.00	—	—
Til	106.00	—	—	—
Groundnut	490.80	150.00	—	150.00
Sunflower	16.00	—	—	—
Vegetable	1.20	—	—	—

Low agricultural production in the country

†613. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural production in the country is declining day by day;

(b) whether it is a fact that per hectare production in our country is very low as compared to that in developed and developing countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the approach of Government to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Following table gives the production of foodgrains, oilseeds, sugarcane and cotton for the years 2003-04 to 2006-07:

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